



Cattle on Feed

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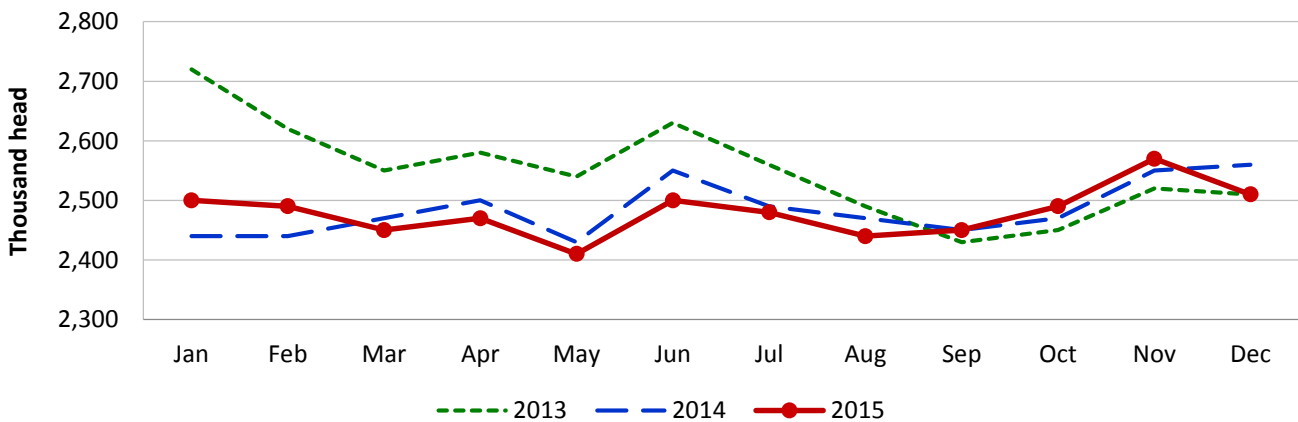
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This report contains results from the December 2015 Cattle on Feed Survey collected during the first two weeks of December. Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas producers are the foundation of the estimates made for the Southern Plains region. We would like to thank all producers who responded to the survey. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on January 22, 2016.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Texas** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.51 million head on December 1, 2015, down 2 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 315 thousand head in commercial feedlots during November, down 18 percent from a year ago. Texas commercial feeders marketed 360 thousand head during November, unchanged from 2014.

On December 1, there were 2.18 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 87 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 3 percent from last year and down 3 percent from the November 1 total. November placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 261 thousand head, down 35 percent from the October total. Marketings were down 2 percent from last month at 315 thousand head.

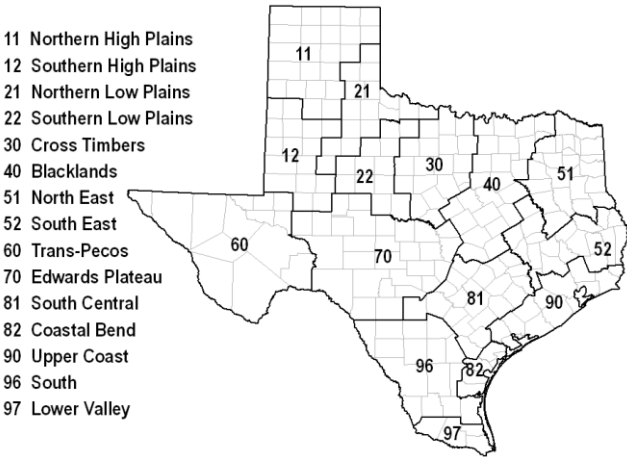
Texas Cattle on Feed Inventory



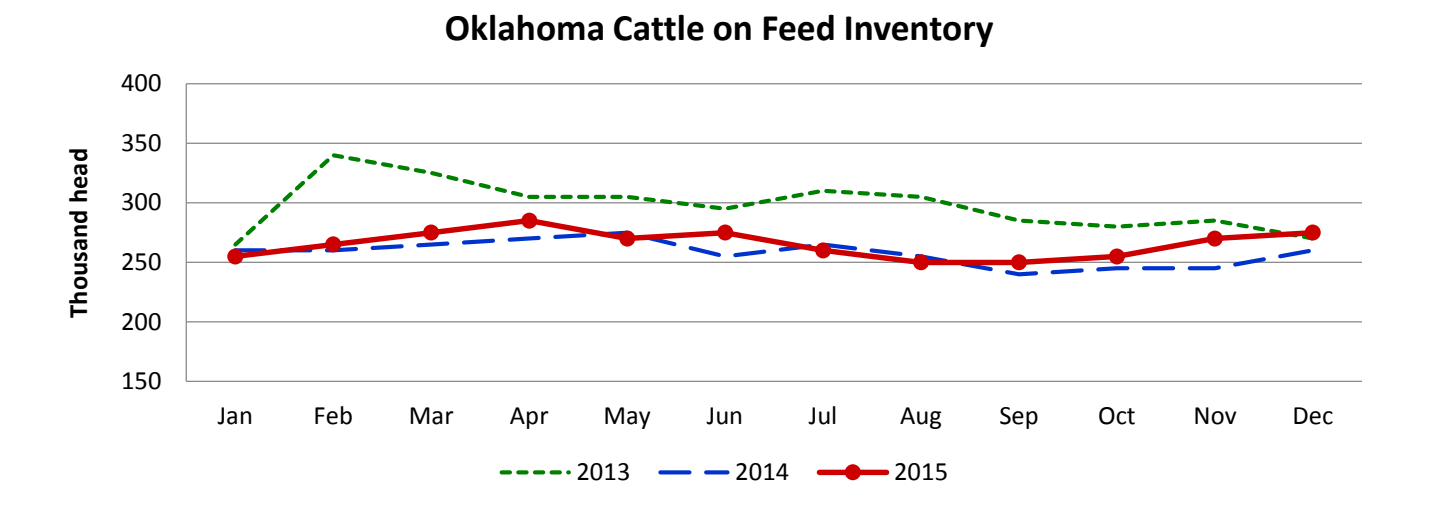
Texas Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by District

Cattle and Calves	District 11	District 12	District 21	District 70	District 81	District 96	Other districts	State total
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
On feed November 1, 2015 ¹	2,252	154	41	14	29	53	27	2,570
Placed on feed during November	261	20	15	4	4	8	3	315
Fed cattle marketed during November	315	25	5	3	4	7	1	360
Other disappearance during November ²	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
On feed December 1, 2015 ¹	2,184	148	51	15	29	54	29	2,510

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.
² Included death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in **Oklahoma** feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 275 thousand head on December 1, 2015, up 6 percent from a year ago. Producers placed 45 thousand head in commercial feedlots during November, unchanged from a year ago. Oklahoma commercial feeders marketed 39 thousand head during November, down 9 percent from 2014. Other disappearance during November totaled 1 thousand head, unchanged from a year ago.



Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.8 million head on December 1, 2015. This inventory was down slightly from December 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.60 million head, 11 percent below November 2014. November placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 470 thousand head; 600-699 pounds totaled 391 thousand head; 700-799 pounds totaled 310 thousand head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 430 thousand head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.53 million head, 4 percent above 2014.

Cattle and Calves: Placements, Marketings, Other Disappearance and Inventory in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlot										
State	Cattle and Calves									
	On feed November 1		Placed on feed during November		Marketed during November		Other Disappearance during November		On feed December 1	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona.....	250	243	26	26	19	21	5	1	252	247
California.....	420	455	62	50	43	45	4	5	435	455
Colorado.....	880	880	155	140	120	125	5	5	910	890
Idaho.....	210	230	43	42	32	36	1	1	220	235
Iowa.....	590	640	127	101	95	107	2	4	620	630
Kansas.....	2,080	2,150	320	305	285	295	15	20	2,100	2,140
Minnesota.....	131	151	15	13	11	11	1	1	134	152
Nebraska.....	2,440	2,450	475	440	370	385	15	15	2,530	2,490
Oklahoma.....	260	270	45	45	43	39	2	1	260	275
South Dakota.....	220	240	53	45	34	38	4	2	235	245
Texas.....	2,550	2,570	385	315	360	360	15	15	2,560	2,510
Washington.....	215	205	49	43	37	42	2	1	225	205
Other States.....	325	315	39	36	26	28	3	3	335	320
United States	10,571	10,799	1,794	1,601	1,475	1,532	74	74	10,816	10,794

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ¹										
State	During November									
	Less than 600 pounds		600-699 pounds		700-799 pounds		800 pounds or more		Total	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Colorado.....	45	35	40	35	30	30	40	40	155	140
Kansas.....	65	55	75	70	95	85	85	95	320	305
Nebraska.....	120	115	115	110	85	60	155	155	475	440
Texas.....	160	110	95	80	80	75	50	50	385	315
Other States....	165	155	110	96	79	60	105	90	459	401
United States ..	555	470	435	391	369	310	435	430	1,794	1,601

¹ Oklahoma is included in *Other States*.